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SUBJECT: CABINET APPROVES ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ENERGY AUTHORITY

1. ON JULY 25 ISRAELI CABINET APPROVED AND REFERRED TO KNESSET A DRAFT BILL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL ENERGY AUTHORITY (NEA). AIM OF PROPOSED LAW, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE PASSED SHORTLY AFTER KNESSET RECONVENES ON OCTOBER 30, IS TO SET UP NEA RESPONSIBLE FOR NATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES AND FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY PROGRAMS (WITH EXCEPTION OF NUCLEAR POWER). NEA WILL BE A GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTING TO MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. ITS AREAS OF ACTIVITY, AS LISTED IN PRESS BULLETIN RELEASED AFTER CABINET DECISION, ARE:

- A. FUEL SUPPLY, MARKETING, REFINING,STORING, PRICE DETERMINATION, RATIONING, AND STOCKPILING.
- B. OIL PROSPECTING IN ISRAEL, PARTICIPATION IN AND ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS TO ENERGY SOURCES IN ISRAEL AND ABROAD.
- C. ELECTRICITY.
- D. ENERGY PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION.
- E. INITIATING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

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F. LONG-RANGE PLANNING.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WILL NOT
RPT NOT BE INCORPORATED UNDER NEA BUT WILL CONTINUE TO
REPORT TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. ISRAELI OFFICIALS
CAUTION, HOWEVER, THAT EXACT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NEA WILL NOT BE CERTAIN UNTIL
BILL PASSED BY KNESSET.
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